



*An alliance of the Black River
and Paw Paw River Watersheds*

Board Meeting
Geneva Twp. Hall
Wed. Mar. 8, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order; Introductions; Agenda additions and/or corrections
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Feb. 8– corrections/approval
3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
 - Mar 8- VBCD Farming for the Future
 - Mar 9- CISMA event at SH library at 6:30 p.m.
 - Mar 15- Molly Rippke of DEQ on E. coli, 7:00 p.m. LMC-SH
 - Mar 20- Volunteer recognition event with VBCD- 6:00 p.m. at Old Town Hall in Lawrence
 - Mar 21- 2nd annual St Joseph Japanese Knotweed Symposium, 9:00- 3:00
 - Mar 21- MSEF showing documentary film “Containment” at LMC-SH at 6:30
 - Apr 14- tree sale order deadline VBCD, Apr 20-22 pick-up
 - May 7- VSMP macro collection event, 9:00 a.m. at Lawrence River Park
 - May 18- PPR paddle followed by Community Pint Night at The Livery 5-8:00 p.m.
 - July 21- Cardno Native Plant Nursery Open House/Field Trip
 - Dec 13- TRC 9th Annual Meeting
4. Treasurer’s Report: Nesbitt
5. Old Business/Projects/Funded Grants:
 - A] Bette report on Ox Creek/ Mall redevelopment stakeholders meeting
 - B] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC- 1] Kevin meeting Thursday w/ Marcy and Nancy; wetland field day in June (Matt Meersman to speak?)
 - C] did anyone experiment w/ website in memoriam donations?
 - D] Pine/Mill Creek 319 grant w/ VBCD- Update ?
 - E] VSMP- Spring collection Sunday May 7- Need commitments to be team leaders
 - F]] Paw Paw River Water Trail (PPRWT) – Submitted letter in support of Hagar Twp.Gave presentations to: Lawrence Village/Twp meeting 1/24, VB supervisors 2/23, Lawrence/other fire departments 3/2. Having issues w/ road commissions.
6. New Business
 - A] Discuss whether to endorse Sierra Club resolution re Palisades
 - B] confirmation of electronic vote to endorse Freshwater Future comments re Nestle
 - C] E. coli presentation on Wed Mar 15- meet for dinner at 5:30 in S.H... Where?
 - D] Submitted letter of support for grant proposal for universal launch on Maple Lake.
 - E] Fundraising: Community Pint Night at The Livery on Thur May 18. Also, maybe something with Arclight in summer after a paddle?Still need to submit additional info to SOM to be qualified for raffle license.
 - F] Annual Meeting: date for 2017 confirmed w/ VBCC: Wednesday 12/13
 - G] Freshwater Future grants: \$500-\$3,500. Spring cycle deadline March 31st.
 - H] River Rally 2017 by River Network. May 8-11 at Amway Grand in GR. Member rate: \$449. Applied for and received \$250 scholarship.
 - I] Speakers: DEQ E. coli TMDL, Wetland field day w/BCCD , Palisades decommissioning issues? Tree guy? Turtle Dave?
 - J] Other projects: Sam to coordinate w/ PJ Chmiel re art/logo for T-shirt design.